

EXHIBIT 9

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
Petitioner

v.

LORILLARD TOBACCO COMPANY,  
PHILIP MORRIS, USA et al.,

Respondents

No. 298 C.D. 2007

PER CURIAM

ORDER

NOW, March 21, 2007, upon consideration of petitioner's Petition for Permission to Appeal the order of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, the Petition is DENIED.

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